

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 04-05-18**

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For Work Week Commencing: May 17, 2004
Commission Meeting: May 18, 2004, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. QWEST CORPORATION D2000.6.80 (Kate)

On May 4, 2004, Qwest Corporation submitted amendments to Exhibit B of the Qwest Statement of Generally Available Terms & Conditions (SGAT) that have been agreed upon by participants in the multi-state Long Term PID Administration process from December 18, 2003 through March 25, 2004. Exhibit B is comprised entirely of the Performance Indicator Definitions (PIDs) that are used to evaluate Qwest's service to its local service competitors. In this filing, Qwest submits the following revisions: (1) changes to OP-6, OP-15, and PO-2 as they relate to line sharing; (2) changes in disaggregation and/or standard designations for OP-3, OP-4, OP-

6, OP-15, MR-3, MR-4, MR-6, MR-7, MR-8 as they all relate to line splitting; (3) changes to PO-5, OP-3, OP-4, OP-6, MR-5, MR-6, MR-7 and MR-8 as they relate to Extended Enhanced Loops (EELs) in order to apply to those PIDs the same categories and standards that appear in the Colorado Performance Assurance Plan; (4) adding links from definitions that appear on specific PID pages to the Definitions of Terms section; (5) revise various PIDs to increase clarity, accuracy or completeness; (6) delete PO-10, LSR Accountability; (7) revise MR-7 (repair repeat report) to more closely tie a repeat trouble report with the initial trouble report; and, (8) adopt language from PO-1 and PO-19 from the Arizona PIDs. Qwest requests the Commission allow the amended Exhibit B to take effect no later than 60 days after submittal and that the Commission deem the revised Exhibit B to modify the SGAT and existing interconnection agreements that currently contain the PIDs as an exhibit.

2. Sprint Communications Company , N2004.4.63 (Scott)

On April 21, 2004, Sprint filed change in its Price List No. 1. The purpose of this filing is to add miscellaneous text and add Sprint Voice Command and Sprint Voice VPN Solutions to the Trademark Lists.

3. AT&T Communications, N2004.4.68 (Scott)

On April 28, 2004 AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2004-05. The purpose of this filing is to add language that better clarifies to customers the way calls are billed and rated.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2004.4.52 – Hot Springs Telephone – Detariffed and Tariffed Services. (5/18/04)
2. D2003.8.122 – Mountain Water Company – Application to Implement a Power Cost Tracking Adjustment. (5/18/04)
3. D2003.7.86 – NorthWestern Energy – Annual Qualified Facilities Avoided Cost with Additional Issues. (5/18/04)

4. N2004.1.15 – NorthWestern Energy – Default Electricity Procurement Plan. (5/18/04)
5. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Report on and Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (5/18/04)
6. Legislation on Transaction Review. (5/18/04)

Other Meetings

5/18/04 – 1:30 p.m. – D2003.8.105 – Cable and Communications Corporation (Mid-Rivers Cellular), Eligible Telecommunications Application, Oral Argument on Motions to Compel

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2004.5.69 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change
N2004.5.70 – Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 04-08 – Zero Quantity USOC Elimination
D2003.7.93– Energy West – Monthly Gas Tracker Received 5/11/04

